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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Honorable James Eastland
Chairman, Internal Security Subcommittee of
the Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I note by the Congressional Record of 16 April 1956 that Senator McCarthy stated he had turned over to your Committee "all the pertinent material" from "some 50 or more documents having to do with everything from incompetence to communism in the CIA."

On several previous occasions Senator McCarthy has made allegations against the Central Intelligence Agency. I have asked that these charges be turned over to me for investigation and preparation of reply but have never been afforded this right.

I would like to reiterate to you my request that I be apprised of the contents of the allegations against the Central Intelligence Agency so that I can investigate and make an appropriate response to the Committee.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY SENATOR McCARTHY

MR. McCARTHY. Mr. President, I wish to give the Senate some information.

A few days ago when the Senate was considering the CIA joint resolution I stated that if the resolution were passed I would turn over to the proposed new joint committee some 50 or more documents having to do with everything from incompetence to communism in the CIA. The resolution failed, and the joint committee was not established.

The question arose as to whether the information should go to the Armed Services Committee, headed by the Senator from Georgia [Mr. RUSSELL], to the Permanent Investigating Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, headed by the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. McCLELLAN], or to the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary. I felt that the Internal Security Subcommittee had the most complete jurisdiction of the subject, so I have turned over the documents, as of today, to the subcommittee of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. EASTLAND], not because I preferred that subcommittee to the other committee but because I thought that it had unquestionable jurisdiction on the subject.

I know they will have difficulty getting the witnesses from the CIA. They refused to appear before our committee. However, I hope that we will test on the Senate floor the right of the Internal Security Subcommittee to get the necessary information. For that reason I have turned over all the pertinent material to the Eastland committee.

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Remarks:

The Director did discuss the attached proposed letter to Eastland with Senator Russell and said it should not be dispatched.

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